

IN THE CLAIMS

1-41 (Canceled)

42. (Currently amended) A method of coordinating a plurality of service vehicles, comprising:
providing a private network remote from the vehicles;
providing each service vehicle with a hub in direct wireless communication with a global positioning device, a subsystem indicator, and a ~~communication device~~ portable computer mobile with respect to the vehicle, the hub being in permanent, wireless communication via a cellular telephone tower with the private network, the hub communicating information from the global positioning device, the subsystem indicator, and the ~~mobile communication device~~ portable computer to the remote private network; and
directing the service vehicle to a subsequent service call based on the information received by the private network from the hub; wherein the ~~communication device~~ portable computer is operable to communicate with the private network solely via the hub when the ~~communication device~~ portable computer is at a location apart from the service vehicle.
43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 43 wherein the subsystem indicator indicates the condition of an ignition of the service vehicle.
44. (Previously presented) The method of claim 43 wherein the subsystem indicator indicates the condition of an odometer of the service vehicle.
45. (Previously presented) The method of claim 43 wherein the hub communicates with the remote private network at least in part according to CDPD protocol.
46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 43 wherein the hub communicates with the remote private network at least in part according to GPRS protocol.
47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 43 wherein the remote private network provides traffic data to the service vehicle.
48. (Currently amended) The method of claim 43 wherein the hub is in wireless communication with the ~~mobile communication device~~ portable computer according to an IEEE 802.11 protocol.
49. (Currently amended) The method of claim 43 wherein the hub is in wireless communication with the ~~mobile communication device~~ portable computer according to a Bluetooth protocol.